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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 8 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.15 a.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 3

Organization of work of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several countries (A/51/231) [8].

10 a.m. 26th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Djibouti

Bangladesh

Azerbaijan

Cambodia

Comoros

Palau

Gabon

3 p.m.	27th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Haiti

Chad

Maldives

Grenada

Lesotho

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Open-ended informal consultations

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on organizational matters

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [133] (A/50/731/Add.2 and A/51/448)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti [134] (A/50/363/Add.3, A/50/363/Add.4 and A/51/444)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti [157] (A/51/191/Add.1 and A/51/444)

   Introduction and general discussion

Informal consultations

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 126 (Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (A/50/655/Add.2 and A/51/440)) and 135 (Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (A/50/650/Add.4 and A/51/423))

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* Following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

[Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (3rd and 4th meetings)]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft reports

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The Open-ended Consultation Group of the Disarmament Commission will hold an informal consultation on the question of substantive agenda items for the Commission's 1997 substantive session *today*, 8 October 1996, in Conference Room 4, following informal consultations of the First Committee, which will begin at 3 p.m. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Open-ended informal consultations

Tuesday, 8 October 1996

Under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic), informal consultations will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: "Business and development - Corruption and bribery in transnational commercial activities" (E/1996/L.26, E/ 1996/99).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 8 October 996

GROUP OF 77
(on Economic and Social Council matters)

9.15 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Economic and Social Council matters: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/1996/101))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal consultations

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III) will be held *today*, 8 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 9 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 28th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency The Honourable Tofilau Ety Alesana, MP, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Independent State of Western Samoa.
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Malawi
3. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Ruth Perry, Chairman of the Council of State of the Liberian National Transitional Government of the Republic of Liberia.
4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Dominica

   Equatorial Guinea

   Nepal

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	6th meeting	

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	17th meeting	

[Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (5th and 6th meetings)]

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	

* Following the special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Administration and Management.

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, 10 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, 14 October 1996, at 10 a.m., are kindly requested to notify the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170E, tel.: 963-4272).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, 14 October 1996, at 3 p.m., as well as for the debates on all other items allocated to the Second Committee, beginning on Thursday, 17 October 1996, at 3 p.m., are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. Nicole Pouilleul, tel.: 212-963-5700, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 14 October 1996, at 3 p.m. sharp, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248, fax: 212-963-5935).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items (see A/C.4/51/L.1) are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel.: 963-0388).

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The Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations will mee on Monday, 21 October 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

There will be informal consultations on Thursday, 10 Octobe 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, on the draf resolutions relating to agenda item 24 (the Law of the Sea). The draft resolutions are: (i) The Law of the Sea [agenda item 24 (a)] (ii) Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks [agenda item 24 (b)]; and (iii) Large-scale pelagic draft-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards [agenda item 24 (c)].

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait wishes to inform the members that the 144th (closed) meeting of the Committee will take place on Thursday, 10 October 1996, at 3.30 p.m.* in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested delegations of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Scheduled open-ended consultations

Wednesday, 9 October 1996

To be announced.

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on 10 October, and from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

10 October 1996

1. Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: Human rights questions [5 (d)] (E/1996/101)

2. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102/Add. 1)*

13-14 November 1996

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

   Selection of themes for the High-level and Coordination segments for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and development [6 (I)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)

3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

4. Non-governmental organizations [10]

5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))

6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)

7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

* To be issued.

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The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group established by the Economic and Social Council to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will convene an organizational meeting on Friday, 11 October 1996, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA

The fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population will be held on Friday, 11 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal meetings

The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development will conduct an open-ended informal briefing for Member States on the work of the Commission on Wednesday, 16 October 1996, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be an informal meeting of the Signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty on Wednesday, 16 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All States Signatories are requested to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) wishes to inform all permanent missions, observers, intergovernmental organizations and non-governemental organizations that all relevant and important documents of the World Food Summit can be found on the FAO Web site at: http://www.fao.org or gopher.fao.org.

Prepared texts for distribution
in the meeting room and to the press

In order to allow distribution of prepared texts of speeches made in the plenary meetings and in the Main Committees of the General Assembly to delegations, specialized agencies, observers, interpreters, record-writers and press officers, 350 copies are required. Those copies should be given in advance of delivery of the speech to the Conference officer, in order to help the Secretariat to provide the best possible service. For distribution in the General Assembly Hall, texts should be delivered to the documents counter on the left side of the hall.

In order to facilitate press coverage of statements made in plenary meetings and in the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an additional 150 copies are required for distribution to accredited correspondents in the press area. Those copies should be delivered in advance of the speech to the Press Documents Counter, Room S-390. As soon as received, the availability of the texts will be announced through the press paging system by the Correspondents Liaison Unit, Department of Public Information.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Wednesday, 9 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a closed meeting of Commonwealth Permanent Representatives on Wednesday, 9 October 1996, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be an open meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "An International Agreement to Ban Anti-Personnel Landmines" on Thursday, 10 October at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Briefing

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will hold an informal briefing for interested delegations on Friday, 11 October 1996, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5, to discuss the role of UNEP in the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the results of the GEF Council Meeting held in Washington D.C. from 7 to 10 October 1996. The Executive Director of UNEP's GEF Unit in Nairobi, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf, will be present.

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Panel discussion

There will be a Panel Discussion entitled "Global Economic Trends: Some Issues" on Monday, 14 October 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The Panel will be moderated by Mr. Jean-Claude Milleron, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis. Panelists will be Mr. John Williamson, Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington and Currently Chief Economist in the Office of the Vice President for South Asia region at the World Bank; Mr. Airgun Sengupta, formerly India's Ambassador to the European Union and Executive Director for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Sri Lanka of the International Monetary Fund, Washington, currently a Member of the Planning Commission of India; and Mr. Jean Pisani-Ferry, former adviser to the Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs in the European Commission, currently Director at the Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII) in Paris.

Introductory remarks by the Panelists will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

The meeting will be open to all delegations, media representatives, representatives of non-governmental organizations and members of the United Nations system.

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Administration and Management will hold a special briefing for members of the Fifth Committee on Wednesday, 9 October 1996, following the adjournment of the 5th formal meeting of the Fifth Committee in Conference Room 3 on the progress report of the Efficiency Board to the Secretary-General.

Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.*, on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of October, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 7 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

24th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Amilcar Spencer Lopes, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Communities of Cape Verde, H.E. Mr. Gabriele Gatti, Secretary of State for Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino, H.E. Mr. Khaled Madadha, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Jordan, H.E. The Honourable Janet G. Bostwick, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Attorney General of the Bahamas, H.E. Mr. Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Minister of External Relations of the Sudan, H.E. Mr. Povilas Gylys, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, and H.E. Mr. Talbak N. Nazarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 22 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States), agenda item 25 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community) and agenda item 28 (Universal Congress on the Panama Canal) would be taken up on Thursday, 24 October 1996, in the afternoon, instead of on Wednesday, 23 October 1996, in the morning, as originally scheduled.

25th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Amdemicael Kahsai, Chairman of the Delegation of Eritrea, H.E. Mr. Abdul Rahim Ghafoorzai, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, H.E. The Honourable Eriya Kategaya, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uganda, H.E. The Honourable Alpian R.O. Allen, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tourism and Information of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, H.E. Mr. Ebrima Ceesay, Minister of Works, Communication and Information of the Gambia, and H.E. Dr. Patrick Albert Lewis, Chairman of the Delegation of Antigua and Barbuda.

Statements in the exercise of right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and the Sudan.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 15 (b) (Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council) would be taken up on Thursday, 31 October, in the morning.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 3rd meeting

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered eight communications containing requests for hearing, three relating to Guam (A/C.4/51/3 and Add.1 to 2), one relating to New Caledonia (A/C.4./51/4) and four relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/51/5 and Add.1 to 3), under agenda item 19, which it decided to grant.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the receipt of six (6) more communications containing requests for hearing relating to New Caledonia and Western Sahara, under agenda item 19, which the Committee decided to circulate as Committee documents.

Agenda items 19 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

The general debate began with statements by the representatives of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

The representative of France made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, The Honourable Peter Caruana Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Guam

On the basis of decisions taken at the outset of the meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Ronald Teehan, Guam Landowners Association (A/C.4/51/3/Add.2), as well as on behalf of Speaker Don Parkinson, Twenty-third Legislature of Guam (A/C.4/51/3) and Mr. Chris Perez Howard, on behalf of Senator Hope Alvarez Cristobal (A/C.4/51/3/Add.1) of the Twenty-third Legislature of Guam.

Question of New Caledonia

On the basis of a decision taken at the outset of the meeting, due to the inability of Mr. Yann Céléné Uregei, Congrès populaire (A/C.4/51/4), to read out his statement before the Committee, copies of his statement were made available to the members of the Committee.

Question of Western Sahara

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question posed to the Secretariat by the representative of Morocco regarding the report of the Secretary-General on Western Sahara (A/51/428).

On the basis of decisions taken at the outset of the meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Jarat Chopra (A/C.4/51/5), Mr. Douglas Dryden (A/C.4/51/5/Add.1), Ms. Nina May, The Renaissance Foundation (A/C.4/51/5/Add.2) and Mr. Boukhari Ahmed, Frente Polisario (A/C.4/51/5/Add.3).

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

Ms. May replied to questions posed to her by the representative of Morocco.

Allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee

The Chairman drew attention to document A/C.4/51/2 containing a letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee concerning the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001. On the proposal, the Committee decided, without objection, that members wishing to submit their views on programmes 2 (Peacekeeping operations), 3 (Peaceful uses of outer space) and 23 (Public information) contained in document A/51/6 (Programme 2), (Programme 3) and (Programme 23) should do so in writing no later than Monday, 14 October, for transmittal to the Fifth Committee.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representative of Algeria as well as by the Chairman.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [126]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia [135]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the related report of that Committee.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard an introductory statement by the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Iceland), Latvia, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Mexico, Ukraine, Malaysia, the Marshall Islands (on behalf of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu), Ecuador, Bangladesh, Vietnam and Norway.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 12th and 13th meetings

Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (1st and 2nd meetings)

The Working Group considered draft articles 1, 3 and 4.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland, Turkey, France, the United States, Portugal, Ethiopia, Israel, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Argentina, Mexico, Pakistan, China, Canada, Kenya, Germany, the Netherlands, Uganda, Romania, Zambia, Italy, Egypt, Uruguay, Kuwait, Mozambique, Bangladesh, India, Brazil, Lebanon, Cameroon, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Guatemala, Viet Nam, Venezuela, Austria, South Africa, the Sudan, Iraq and Greece.

The Expert Consultant also spoke.

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
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335th and 336th meetings

General discussion on "The child and the media" [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, adopted on 4 August 1995 by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Signature: Gabon (7 October 1996)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Gabon, Lithuania, Tajikistan and San Marino (7 October 1996)

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, concluded at New York on 9 May 1992

Ratification: Swaziland (7 October 1996)*

Convention on Biological Diversity, opened for signature at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992

Ratification: Croatia (7 October 1996)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: Swaziland (7 October 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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